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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S DETAILED REPORTING ON
DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS OFFICIALS RE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS
U.S. ECONOMIC PROGRAMS FOR SUDAN. WE HAVE IMPRESSION,

HOWEVER, THAT SUDANESE EXPECTING GO BEYOND TENOR OF TALKS
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HELD IN WASHINGTON DURING NIMEIRI VISIT. BIHEIRY'S CITING

OF "US PROGRAMS IN EGYPT" IN REFTEL (A) MAY INDICATE HE HOPEFUL WE INTEND TO PLACE SUDAN IN SAME CATEGORY AS EGYPT. AS POST IS AWARE, WE HAVE DECIDED FOR U.S. STRATEGIC INTERESTS TO QUALIFY SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INTER ALIA EGYPT, SYRIA, ISRAEL AND ZAIRE, FOR SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE (SSA). NO SUCH DECISION IS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED RE SUDAN. INITIAL AID PROGRAMS WE ARE IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING FOR SUDAN WILL OF NECESSITY BE MODERATE. WE BELIEVE THIS POINT WAS CLEARLY CONVEYED DURING NIMEIRI VISIT, AND THAT SUDANESE UNDERSTOOD IT AND OUR IMPELLING REASONS AT THAT TIME. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT OUR EVENTUAL AID PROGRAM WILL

COMPLEMENT PRIVATE EFFORTS, WHICH AS WE EXPLAINED TO SUDANESE, WOULD CONSTITUTE BULK OF U.S. ECONOMIC INVOLVEMENT IN SUDAN. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE IN MOVING TO MEET GOS REQUESTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE CONSIDERS BRIEF TIME ELAPSED SINCE NORMALIZATION.

2. FOLLOWING IS A RUNDOWN OF WHERE WE STAND ON PLANNING FOR VARIOUS SUDAN-RELATED PROJECTS:

A. TRILATERAL-QUADRILATERAL COORDINATION - MINSTATE FOR PLANNING MUSTAFA HAS TOLD US HE FEELS QUADRILATERAL FRAMEWORK COULD BE EASILY INSTITUTED, DENG SEES NO REASON USG COULD NOT MAKE LOW KEY EXPLORATION WITH SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS, WHILE BIHEIRY FEELS WE SHOULD LET GOS HANDLE MATTER AT GRADUAL PACE. FYI: WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THIS COORDINATION WOULD BE USEFUL TOMOBILIZERESOURCES FOR SUDANESE DEVELOPMENT. IN VIEW OF SUDANESE INACTION, WE ARE CONSIDERING INCLUSION OF THIS SUBJECT IN AGENDA FOR EARLY OCTOBER MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER. AS GOS APPEAR DIVIDED ON DESIRABILITY OF USG INITIATIVE WE WOULD MERELY SAY WE HAVE DISCUSSED SUCH COOPERATION WITH THE SUDANESE AND ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT IT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS. END FYI.

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B. MILITARY PURCHASES - AF AND PM HAVE PREPARED AND EXPECT SHORTLY TO SEND REQUEST TO WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION TO FIND SUDAN ELIGIBLE FOR PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING. YOU MAY INFORM GOS THAT WE ARE IN PROCESS OF SEEKING APPROVAL FOR SUDAN TO PURCHASE DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT WHEN DECISION WILL BE REACHED.

C. P.L. 480 TITLE I - SEE REFTEL C.

D. U.S.G.S. PROGRAM FOR SUDAN - USGS HAS MADE FAVORABLE REVIEW OF GMRD PROPOSALS AND HOPES TO SEND A.H. CHIDESTER TO KHARTOUM LATER THIS MONTH TO CONFER WITH SUDANESE.

E. AID PROGRAMS - AID IS PLANNING TO HOLD MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN MID-OCTOBER AS PROPOSED BY EMBASSY TO DECIDE ON WHAT AID CAN FEASIBLY DO IN SUDAN. RESULTS OF THIS MEETING WILL PERMIT USG TO ATTEND PARIS CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING IN EARLY NOVEMBER WITH SOLID IDEA OF HOW OUR PROGRAMS WILL UNFOLD IN SUDAN. AID/W

WILL ALSO BE COORDINATING USG PARTICIPATION IN INTER-NATIONAL DONORS CONFERENCE ON HEALTH CARE IN KHARTOUM. ROBINSON

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